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SUBJ: URUGUAYAN AP STAFFER AGAIN DETAINED BY GOU

A. MONTEVIDEO 2603, B. MONTEVIDEO 2795

1. RAUL GARCES, URUGUAYAN CORRESPONDENT FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OFFICE IN MONTEVIDEO, WAS ISSUED SUMMONS JULY 20 TO APPEAR BEFORE GOU AUTHORITIES PRESUMABLY FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT SOME STORY HE HAD FILED RECENTLY ON URUGUAYAN POLITICAL SCENE.

2. GARCES IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED WILLIAM NICHOLSON, AP REGIONAL BUREAU CHIEF IN BUENOS AIRES, AND EXPLAINED HE PLANNED TO REPORT TO GOU AUTHORITIES AT 4:00 P.M. AFTER INFORMING FRIENDS, AMEMBASSY AND OTHERS OF HIS LATEST PROBLEM.

3. NICHOLSON ARRIVED MONTEVIDEO LATER WEDNESDAY EVENING AND PROCEEDED TO CONTACT OFFICE OF BRIGADIER JOSE D. CARDOZO, SECRETARY OF PLANNING, COORDINATION AND INFORMATION, (SEPLACODI), AND WAS TOLD GARCES WOULD BE RELEASED AROUND  
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4. WHEN GARCES WAS NOT RELEASED AS PROMISED, NICHOLSON AGAIN CONTACTED GOU OFFICIALS WHO TOLD HIM SUBJECT HAD BEEN TAKEN SOMEWHERE ELSE AND "WAS NOT TO BE DISTURBED".

5. NICHOLSON HAD MET EARLIER THIS MORNING WITH CHARGE,

PAO AND IO TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AND TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS AP AS YET HAD NOT FILED STORY ON DETENTION OF GARCES, BUT WOULD PROBABLY DO SO IF HE WERE NOT RELEASED SHORTLY. NICHOLSON SAID OTHER NEWS AGENCIES HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS LATEST INCIDENT AND MIGHT FILE STORIES ON THEIR OWN ON CASE WHICH WOULD THEN FORCE AP TO FOLLOW SUIT.

6. NICHOLSON SINCE DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH AP FOREIGN EDITOR IN NEW YORK WHO HAS ASKED AP TO FILE REPORT NOW FOR THEIR PERUSAL AND POSSIBLE PLAY ON BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH WIRES. NICHOLSON TOLD IO HE PLANS TO ALSO COMBINE STORY WITH REPORT ON RECENT DETENTIONS OF BOTH MONTEVIDEO (SINCE RELEASED) AND BUENOS AIRES (REFTEL B) CORRESPONDENTS OF MEXICAN PAPER EL EXCELSIOR.

7. CHARGE HAS APPOINTMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS AFTERNOON ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE INTENDS TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE OFFICIAL CONCERNED THAT NICHOLSON IS IN MONTEVIDEO TO LOOK INTO THE GARCES DETENTION AND WILL EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT NICHOLSON WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES REGARDING THIS DETENTION.  
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